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Title: Need to withdraw excise duty imposed on production of power loom and High Density Polyethylene mono-filament knitted fabric- Laid.

SHRI M. CHINNASAMY (KARUR) : In Tamil Nadu, more than 5 lakhs powerlooms are functioning and over one crore people are getting employment opportunity through this and allied industries such as warping, sizing, printing, dyeing, bleaching, stentering, etc. Powerloom owners are already paying excise duty on the purchase of the yarn to the tune of 9.2%. Now, the Union Government has announced 10% Central excise duty on the production of the powerloom. This will cripple the industry and affect the allied traders every badly throwing lakhs of labourers out of employment of the streets, causing socio-economic crisis.

Likewise, High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) monofilament knitted fabric is also listed under the same tariff heading. From which the major finished product is Mosquito curtain, which is being sold to the poorest of the poor in the society. There are 500 small units producing HDPE monofilament knitted fabric in and around Karur in Tamil Nadu.

Therefore, I would request the Finance Minister to withdraw the imposition of 10% excise duty in this regard.